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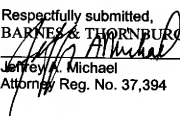
### ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

#### Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Indiana Mills & Manufacturing Inc. is the owner by assignment of the subject patent application. This assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 13 JUL 2004; REEL/FRAE 014844/018. As of May, 2009 and continuing to the present the owner of this subject application claims small entity status. Accordingly, the subject application is eligible for reduced small entity fees pursuant to 35 U. S. C. 41(h)(1).

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